IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Taizo SHIRAI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2437
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Application No.: 09/982,711)	Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi
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Filed: October 18, 2011)	
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING)	Confirmation No.: 8666
DEVICE, INFORMATION PLAYBACK)	
DEVICE, INFORMATION)	
RECORDING MEDIUM,)	
INFORMATION RECORDING)	
METHOD, INFORMATION)	
PLAYBACK METHOD, AND)	
PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM)	

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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant received a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, dated November 29, 2010. The issue fee and publication fee are being filed herewith.

In the Notice of Allowability, on page 5, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully notes that Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's specific provided reasons. Instead, as detailed in Applicant's Amendment filed on October 28, 2010, Applicant contends that the claimed invention is in condition for allowance at least because the cited references do not teach or suggest an information recording device which comprises

a processing unit ... for storing, for each data file of the plurality data files, a first portion in a first sector of one of the plurality of blocks, and a second portion in a second sector of one of the plurality of blocks , and for storing a security header corresponding to the content data of the plurality of data files in at least one header block of the plurality of blocks, wherein the at least one header block is different from each one of the blocks in which the content data of the plurality of data files is stored; [and]

a cryptosystem unit for performing sector level encryption by using a first encryption key to execute encryption of each first sector of each of the plurality of blocks, and using a second encryption key that is different from the first encryption key to execute encryption of each second sector of each of the plurality of blocks; ...

wherein the security header stored in the header block includes each encryption key used for each sector of each of the plurality of blocks,
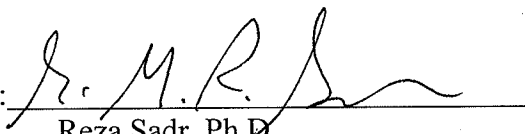
as recited in allowed claim 1. Claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 31, and 32 are also in condition for allowance at least for similar reasons.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these Comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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